

ITEM: 16

SUBJECT: City of Bakersfield, Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2, Kern County

BOARD ACTION: *Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. 97-105*

BACKGROUND: Waste Discharge Requirements ([WDRs](#)) Order No. 97-104 regulate the discharge of up to 19 million gallons per day (mgd) of secondary treated wastewater from WWTP No. 2 to 5,476 acres of nearby farmlands. Cease and Desist Order ([CDO](#)) 97-105 requires the City of Bakersfield (Discharger) to meet secondary treatment effluent limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand and electrical conductivity limits. The CDO imposed a time schedule for the Discharger to:

- Expand WWTP No. 2 in order to treat all wastewater to meet effluent limits;
- Submit monthly progress reports documenting the progress of the expansion activities; and
- Become compliant with the effluent limits.

The Discharger completed the expansion of WWTP No. 2 in September of 2000 with a designed daily dry weather flow capacity of 25 mgd. The Discharger submitted the monthly status reports as required by the CDO. The Discharger is now compliant with effluent limits of WDR Order No. 97-104.

RECOMMENDATION Adopt the order rescinding Cease and Desist Order No. 97-105.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

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